

RED RIVER



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Prince Kall, a young warrior and sorcerer, and Yuri, a modern-day teen, were thrown together when evil Queen Nakia drew Yuri across time and space into the ancient Hittite Empire. When it is the season of the North Star, Prince Kall has the power to send Yuri home. But the evil queen's plan to murder them both—and their growing feelings for one another—keep getting in the way!

Ramses, the renowned Egyptian commander, helps Yuri find her way back to Hattusa, but on her return she finds tragedy has wracked the Hittite royal family. As a result of Nakia's manipulations, Kall's ascension to the throne is by no means guaranteed. Plus, someone has been impersonating Yuri in her absence and dragging down her reputation among the Hittites!



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Story Thus Far:



Prince Kail

The third prince of the Hittite Empire, and a powerful sorcerer.



Yuri

A Japanese schoolgirl magically transported to the ancient Hittite Empire.



Queen Nakia

A priestess who wants to sacrifice Yuri to the Storm God in order to ensure her son's succession to the throne.

Yuri was an ordinary junior high student until the day she was sucked into a puddle on the street and emerged in the ancient Hittite Empire! Evil Queen Nakia had used her magic to draw Yuri across time and space to be a sacrifice to her god, Teshub. Rescued by the handsome but arrogant Prince Kail, Yuri is taken to live in his palace as his concubine. Yuri soon learns that in order for her to return to her own place and time, three conditions must be met: she must have the help of a sorcerer equal to the queen—which Prince Kail turns out to be; all seven of Hattusa's springs must fill with water; and Yuri must wear the clothes she had on when she was kidnapped.

Yuri steals into the queen's palace with Kail's young servant, Tito, to retrieve her clothes. But they walk into a trap, and Tito is killed after saving Yuri's life. When the opportunity finally arrives for Yuri to go home, she refuses, vowing to stay until she has avenged Tito's murder.

The Hittites come to adore Yuri as the incarnation of the goddess Ishtar. Soon Yuri discovers that Prince Kail's dream is to create an empire of justice with his brother, Zannanza.

Now the Hittite emperor receives a request from the Queen of Egypt that he send one of his sons to marry her and rule at her side. Kail is the most likely candidate. But Prince Zannanza defeats all the other princes in a chariot race and is chosen to go to Egypt instead. Yuri decides to accompany Zannanza to the Egyptian border to see him off. En route, they are attacked by Queen Nakia's men. Zannanza is killed and Yuri is left for dead. The desert sands soon begin to bury their bodies...







IT'S
BURYING
PRINCE
ZANNANZA!
HE HAS
TO GO TO
EGYPT!

NO!

HE'LL BE
LOVED BY HIS
QUEEN AND
HIS PEOPLE...
HE'LL BE
A GOOD,
VIRTUOUS
KING!!

HE'S
GOING TO
RULE IT
AND BRING
PEACE TO
THE LAND!!

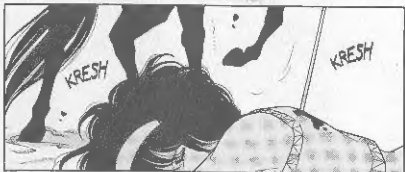
PRINCE...
ZANNANZA...



N-
NO...



SAND IS...
COVERING
US...





I'D BE
HAPPY IF
THIS
ZANNANZA
NEVER
SHOWED
UP.

DON'T
THEY
REALIZE
WHAT A
DISASTER IT
WILL BE TO
HAVE A
FOREIGNER
SIT ON THE
THRONE OF
EGYPT?

WHAT
ARE THE
MINISTERS
WHINING
ABOUT
NOW?

HA
!!

MY
FEELINGS
ARE NO
SECRET.
WHOEVER
ASSIGNED
ME TO THIS
WAS A
FOOL..

COM-
MANDER,
YOU'RE
SPEAKING
TOO LOUDLY.

AS THE
COMMANDER OF THE
HITTITE PRINCE'S
ESCORT,
YOU...

IN THE EGYPTIAN-
HITTITE BORDERLANDS

EMESA



THE
HITTITE
PRINCE
AND HIS
PARTY
STILL
HAVEN'T
ARRIVED
?!

WE'VE
JOURNEYED
ALL THE WAY
FROM
THEBES TO
RECEIVE
THEM!



IF HE
HAS, HE
SHALL PAY
A HEAVY
PRICE.



THEY'VE
KEPT US
WAITING
FOR
DAYS!

PERHAPS
SUPPILULIUMA
HAS DECEIVED
US.

...HE MIGHT
USE THE
OPPORTUNITY
TO KILL HIM.

SHOULD
HE RUN
INTO THE
HITTITE
PRINCE
AND HIS
PARTY...



HA HA...
YOU'RE NOT
SERIOUS...
ARE YOU?



BUT YOU
MUSTN'T, SIR!
WE'LL ALL BE
IN TROUBLE IF
THEY FIND
YOU'VE LEFT!!

THEY SAY THE
NOMAD WOMEN
AROUND HERE
ARE QUITE
COMELY. I INTEND
TO DISCOVER IF
THAT'S TRUE.

COM-
MANDER,
WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING?

I CAN'T
STAND THIS
BORING PLACE
ANOTHER
MOMENT!!

TELL THOSE
PEACOCKS
I'VE GONE
TO LOOK FOR
THE PRINCE.



AND HE'S
BEEN
VOCAL IN
HIS
OPPOSITION
TO A
HITTITE
KING.

OUR
COMMANDER
BELIEVES
THAT EGYPT
SHOULD
BELONG
ONLY TO
EGYPTIANS.

SHOULD
WE LET
HIM
GO?

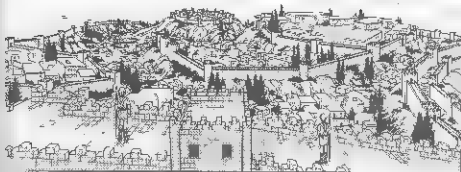
HOW
CAN WE
STOP
HIM?



COMMANDER!



MATTUSA, CAPITAL OF THE HITITE EMPIRE



DAWN.
THIS
MEANS
WAR!

YES
YOUR
MAJESTY
MOST
CRUELLY
BY AN EGYPTIAN
SOLDIER'S
SPEAR

PLEASE
FATHER WE
SHOULD
INVESTIGATE
THIS MATTER
CARE-
FULLY

THEY
TRICKED US
JUST AS I
SUSPECTED
THEY
MIGHT!

I'M SORRY
TO BRING
YOU SUCH
UNHAPPY
TIMINGS

ARE YOU
CERTAIN MY
SON WAS
KILLED?

PRESENT
IT TO HIS
MAJESTY
AS
EVIDENCE.

THIS IS AN
EGYPTIAN
ARROW

GOOD
NOW
TAKE
THIS
WITH
YOU
YOUR
WORD
MAY
NOT BE
ENOUGH

YOUR
MAJESTY
LOOK AT
THIS.
I
BROUGHT
IT BACK AS
EVIDENCE

IT'S ONE OF
THE ARROWS
THE EGYPTIAN
SOLDIERS
SHOT AT US

WHAT?!

ZANNANZA'S
PARTY WAS
ATTACKED
BY THE
EGYPTIANS
?!





YLRI AND
ZANNANZA--
DEAD?"

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT!"

THERE
MUST BE
SOME
MISTAKE

BUT
FIRST I
WANT TO
CONFIRM
HIS
STORY

I'M
GOING
TO
EMESA
!"

PRINCE
KAIL!

I'LL READY
OUR WAR
GEAR,
PRINCE
KAIL!

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT

EVEN
PRINCESS
YLRI?"

ALL OF
THEM
WERE
KILLED

PRINCE
KAIL?

HOW DO YOU
SUPPOSE HE
MADE IT BACK
WHEN
EVERYONE
ELSE WAS
KILLED?"

STRANGE

IF WHAT
THAT MAN
SAYS IS
TRUE

I'LL
DESTROY
EGYPT
WITH MY
OWN
HANDS!



I HAVE
TO
REPORT
THIS IN
MATTUSA

I WAS ACCOMPANYING THE HITTITE PRINCE, ZANNAN-BA. BUT OUR CARAVAN WAS ATTACKED.

HOW
EMBARRASSING
IT MUST HAVE
BEEN FOR THE
HITTITE
SOLDIERS TO
BE DEFEATED
BY BANDITS

THE
PRINCE'S
PARTY
WAS
ATTACKED
71

GOOD

WATT

PLEASE
"AKE ME
WITH YOU!

YOU'RE
NONE
OF MY
CONCERN.
GIRL

M-
HELD
ME.

PLEASE

WHAT IS
A WOMAN
DOING
HERE?

SHE
DOESN'T
LOOK LIKE
A NOMAD.



GASP

NOW I CAN
FINALLY
GO HOME
TO
MEMPHIS

KLANG

AY

I'LL
RETURN
TO MY
TROOPS
TOMOR-
ROW

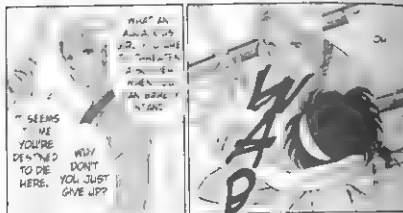


WAIT
!!

I
DOUBT
OUR
QUEEN
WILL
TRY TO
MARRY A
FOREIGNER
AGAIN

IF THE
HITTITE
PRINCE IS
DEAD WHAT
WONDERFUL
LUCK!







WHAT
MANNER
OF WO-
MAN.

IS
SHE?

WU
M
P



I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
YOUR
EGYPTIAN
GHOSTS ARE
LIKE BUT

JAPANESE
GHOSTS ARE
TERRIFYING

WHAT
?

SLAP
SLAP

IF YOU LEAVE
ME TO DIE
I'LL HATE YOU
MORE THAN
THE ONE WHO
SHOT ME.

I'M NOT THE
ONE WHO
PUT THAT
ARROW IN
YOU, GIRL.

I HAVE
TO GET
BACK TO
HATTUSA!!

I I
CAN'T
LET
MYSELF
DIE
HERE!



GASP

PRINCE
ZANNANZA



JINNIL



ONE'S
GOLD AND
OTHER'S
BROWN!

OH! HIS
EYES.

AN
EGYPTIAN
SOLDIER



YOU LITTLE
WILDCAT

YOU HELD
ONTO MY
LEG AND
THREATENED
TO HAUNT
ME AND
NOW YOU
TELL ME
NOT TO
"TOUGH
YOU?"

I'D JUST
LIKE TO
POINT OUT
THAT YOU
CAME TO
ME FOR
HELP

I DON'T
CARE!
LEAVE ME
ALONE!

HOLD STILL
LET ME PULL
THAT ARROW
OUT FOR
YOU.

IF I DON'T
DO IT NOW IT
WILL BE MORE
DIFFICULT
LATER BECAUSE
YOUR FLESH
WILL HARDEN



I HAVE TO
CONTACT PRINCE
KAIL OR WAR WILL
BREAK OUT
BETWEEN THE
HITTITE EMPIRE
AND EGYPT

I DON'T
NEED YOU
TO TREAT
MY WOUND
JUST TAKE
ME TO
HATTU-
SA...
OR AT LEAST
TAKE ME TO
THE NEAREST
TOWN WITH A
HITTITE
GOVERNOR!



DON'T
TOUGH
ME!!

UNGH.



I WAS
ONLY
TRYING TO
TEND YOUR
WOUND



PRINCE KAIL
IS NOT
CORRUPT!!

WHO
KILLED
HIM?

THE HITTITE
PRINCE WAS
MURDERED?

WAR?

TELL ME
WHAT
HAPPENED

I KNOW
WHY PRINCE
ZANNANZA
DECIDED
TO
GO TO
EGYPT

I CAN'T
ALLOW HIS
DREAM TO
DIE!

THAT'S A
FAMILIAR
TALE

I SEE
THERE'S
A FEUD
WITHIN THE
HITTITE
ROYAL
FAMILY
EH?

I HAVE
TO GET TO
HATTUSA
AS SOON
AS
POSSIBLE!

I
CAN'T
TELL
YOU!

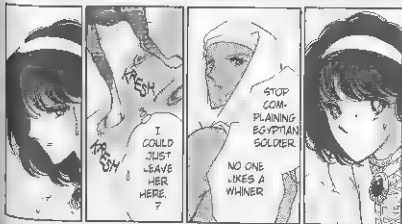
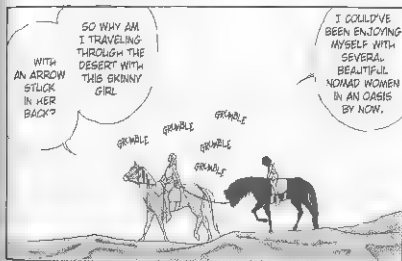
BUT IF I
DON'T
HURRY, THE
HITTITES WILL
THINK THE
EGYPTIANS
DID IT

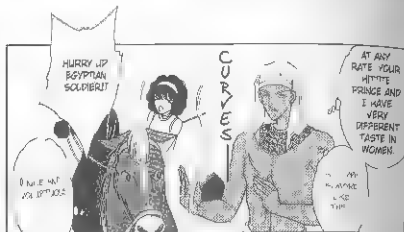
I HOPE
THEY KILL
EACH
OTHER.

ANYWAY
THE RULERS OF
EGYPT
AND THE
HITTITE
EMPIRE
ARE ALL
CORRUPT

BUT I
WOULD
WELCOME
WAR.

WAR
ALLOWS US
SOLDIERS
TO WIN
HONOR AND
FAME





THE HITITE
TERRITORY

IN THOSE
DAYS, THE
BORDER
BETWEEN
THE TWO
EMPIRES
WAS
HIGHLY
UNSTABLE

HAKEWIS

KALEB
NOM ALLEPOU

HUMAH

SYRIAN
RESORT
INBABA
NOM HILABU

EGYPTIAN
TERRITORY

THE BORDER OF
THE HITITE
EMPIRE LAY
SOMEWHERE IN
PRESENT-DAY
SYRIA

I HAVE
TO STOP
THE
WAR!!

AND THE
EGYPTIANS
ARE
PREPARING
TO FIGHT
BACK

THE
HITITE
ARMIES
ARE
COMING!

WAR
THERE'S
GOING
TO BE A
WAR!

HO!
WHAT'S
HAPPENING
?



EASY GIRL.
YOU'RE
INJURED!
TAKE IT
SLOWLY

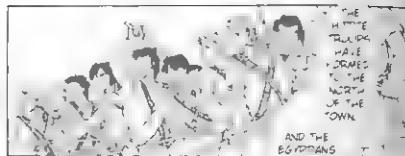
I HAVE
TO GET
TO PRINCE
KAIL

WOBBLE

N-
NO.

I HAVE
TO STOP
IT.

SMUFF



THE
WHITE
THICK
HAIR
FORMS
THE
NORTH
OF THE
TOWN

AND THE
EGYPTIANS
TO THE
SOUTH



IN A
SITUATION
LIKE THIS
ANYTHING
CAN
HAPPEN



TODAY'S
TALKS
WILL
DECIDE
THAT



WILL
THERE
BE WAR
KIKKUR



THE WHITE EGYPTIAN
BORDERLAND

EMESA



**I
SHOULDN'T
HAVE LET
HIM GO!!**

**EVEN IF IT
MEANT WAR
WITH EGYPT,
I SHOULDN'T
HAVE LET
EITHER OF
THEM GO!!**



**PRINCE
ZANNANZA**

**AND THE
OTHERS
ARE DEAD**



**THEN
ZANNANZA
REALLY IS...**

**"YOUR
MAJESTY!"**

**I'VE
CONFIRMED
THAT PRINCE
ZANNANZA
AND HIS
PARTY LEFT
THE TOWN OF
HANAH TEN
DAYS AGO.**



**I CAME HERE
WITH YOU
BECAUSE I WAS
WORRIED ABOUT
ZANNANZA.
IT BREAKS MY
HEART TO THINK
THE EGYPTIANS
HAVE KILLED
HIM.**

**THIS TOWN
IS ONLY
ONE DAY'S
JOURNEY
FROM
HANAH.**

HMM.



**WHAT
EVER THE
TRUTH,
IT
SEEMS HIS
MAJESTY
S BENT
ON WAR**

**ALL RIGHT
I WILL MEET
WITH THE
EGYPTIANS.
THEN
I WILL
SMITE
THEM
FROM
THE
EARTH.**

**I HAD HOPED
THERE WAS
SOME
MISTAKE.
BUT**

THERE ARE MANY THINGS THAT NEED TO BE CLARIFIED

I KNOW I SHOULD CALM MY FATHER

BUT I BURN WITH RAGE AND DARK EMOTIONS

RIGHT NOW I YEARN FOR BATTLE TOO

"LET US RESCUE GHAR"

THEY KILLED OUR PRINCE.

THOSE DIRTY EGYPTIANS!

WITTE WARS !!!

YOU NEVER SENT YOUR PRINCE TO US!

GREAT SUPPILLILIUMMA DO YOU CONTEND THAT WE EGYPTIANS MURDERED YOUR SON?

SUCH AN ACCUSATION IS INTOLERABLE"

I AM MOREM- WEB.

QUEEN ANKHESENAMEN'S EMISSARY PLENIPOTENTIARY

DO YOU DENY IT ?

WE HAVE A WITNESS.

IS THIS FALSE ACCUSATION SOME PRETEXT FOR WAR?

WHATEVER YOUR WITNESS CLAIMS, WE DID NOT KILL YOUR SON!

HOW DARE YOU?!" IT IS YOU WHO HAVE PROVOKED THIS WAR, NOT WE!"



I'LL
NEVER
HOLD
HER IN
MY
ARMS
AGAIN
!!

ATTACK
!!

GASP

FATHER

WHY
?!



THEN LET
THERE BE
WAR.



ESOTMAN
DOGS
WE WILL
"RUSH
YOU"

twang

COMMAN-
DER!!

Also
RIGHT

BEFORE
YOU START
THIS
DEADLY
GAME, A
WORD

KLOP

KLOP

PLEASE
WAIT!

DON'T
GO TO
WAR!

TARUMP

KLOP

KLOP

GRAAH

AH

GRAA

WOOSH

TUNK

!!

F
W
O
O
M



YURI!

OH!



TARRUMP

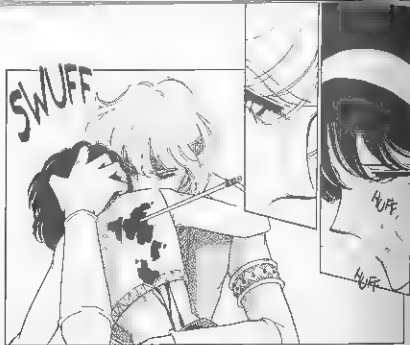
THE
BOYD-
TAINS.

TARRU



DIDN'T
DO IT!!

TARRUMP



SHE NEEDS
IMMEDIATE
ATTENTION
AND REST

THE SUN
HAS
BAKED
THE POOR
GIRL'S
BRAIN!

SHE'S BEEN
ROAMING THE
DESERT
UNPROTECTED
AND WITH
THAT HORRIFIC
WOUND!

QUEEN
NAKIA

YOU'RE THE
ONE WHO
ORDERED
PRINCE
ZANNANZA'S
MURDER

DON'T
PRETEND
YOU HAD
NOTHING
TO DO
WITH IT



THAT
MAN

,KILLED
PRINCE
ZANNAN-
ZA!!



NO,
I
QUEEN
NAKIA!!

OH,
DEAR

THE
EGYPTIANS
MURDERED
PRINCE
ZANNANZA!

THIS
MAN
SAW IT
ALL!!

SHE
NEEDS
BED
REST.
SHE'S
RAVING

THE
EGYPTIANS
DIDN'T DO
IT!

THAT'S
NOT
TRUE
I SAY
THAT MAN
KILL
PRINCE
ZANNANZA

YURI

QUEEN
NAKIA,
I'LL
NEVER
FORGIVE
YOU.

PRINCE
ZANNANZA'S
BLOOD IS
ON YOUR
HANDS!!

I'LL SEE
THAT YOU
PAY FOR
THIS'.



A BIT OF
GENTLE
PERSUASION
MIGHT MAKE
HIM
REMEMBER
WHAT
REALLY
HAPPENED

AND WE
MIGHT BE
ABLE TO
EXPOSE
ALL THE
QUEEN'S
EVIL
DEEDS.



YES!

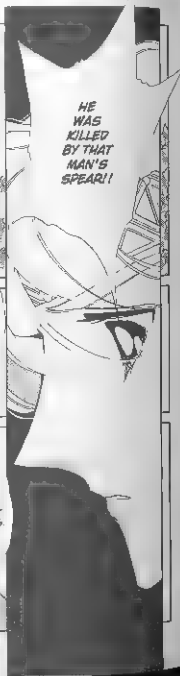
CAN'T
WE,
IL-BANI?

WE CAN
BRING
DOWN THE
QUEEN!



PER-
HAPS.

BUT SHE
HON'T GO
DOWN
WITHOUT
A FIGHT



HE
WAS
KILLED
BY THAT
MAN'S
SPEAR!!



I SAW
HIM DIE
WITH MY
OWN
EYES!

'ISHAR
IS SICK!
SHE
BURNS
WITH
FEVER
"

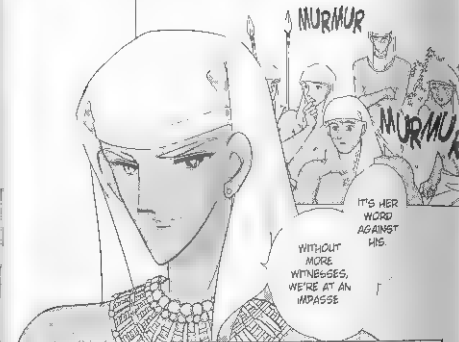
SHE
SHE'S
MAD!

THIS IS
PRINCE
ZANNANZA'S
BLOOD!!

THEY
WEREN'T
FEVER
DREAMS
!!

LOOK
AT
THIS
!!

YES. HER
ORDEAL IN
THE DESERT
HAS GIVEN
HER FEVER
DREAMS!
SHE SHOULD
NEVER HAVE
GONE THERE



MURMUR

MURMUR

IT'S HER
WORD
AGAINST
HIS.

WITHOUT
MORE
WITNESSES,
WE'RE AT AN
IMPASSE



AS WE'VE
TOLD YOU
REPEATEDLY
WE HAD NO
PART IN PRINCE
ZANNANZA'S
MURDER

THE
REST OF
ISHTAR'S
STORY

WE
WOULD
VERY
MUCH
LIKE TO
HEAR



WHO IS
TELLING
THE
TRUTH?

ISHTAR
OR THE
SOLDIER?



ALL I DID
WAS ESCAPE
WITH MY
LIFE
AND
RETURN TO
HATTUSA
TO WARN
YOUR
MAJESTY'

THEY
DID IT!!

THE
EGYPT-
TIANS.



HER
WOUND
NEEDS
CARE

PRINCESS
YURI
SHOULDN'T
BE EXERTING
HERSELF

IT IS
IMPOS-
SIBLE TO
PROVE
THE
TRUTH
IF
THERE
IS NO
EVIDENCE
OF THE
CRIME



HUFF

HUFF



THEN YOU
KILLED
YOUR
CRONIES'

YOU'RE LYING!!
YOU AND YOUR
CRONIES
KILLED PRINCE
ZANNANZA AND
HIS MEN.

WITHOUT
A SHRED
OF EVI-
DENCE

WHAT AN
AWFUL GIRL
TO ACCUSE A
MAN OF SUCH
A HEINOUS
CRIME.

I'M NOT LYING!!

I HAVE EVIDENCE THAT PROVES HE'S THE MURDERER !!

IF YOU CONTINUE TO LIE, I'LL HAVE YOU GAGGED!

I HAVE EVIDENCE

WOBBLE

ENOUGH OF YOUR INSOLENCE !!

YURI?!

I'LL THROW YOU IN PRISON, EVEN IF YOU ARE ISHTARI!!

IF YOU CONTINUE TO ACCUSE PEOPLE WITHOUT EVIDENCE

IF YOU INSIST THAT WHAT YOU SAW WAS REAL, THEN YOU MUST PROVE IT

W-WAIT PLEASE.

HUFF

LET'S SEE TO YOUR WOUND

YURI, THAT'S ENOUGH.

HMPH!!

I WON'T HAVE THIS RAGGEDY CHILD QUESTIONING MY WORD!!



THAT GIRL!
SO THAT'S
WHY SHE
WOULDN'T
LET ME
REMOVE
THE
ARROW
?!



EGYPTIAN
ARROW-
HEADS



AND
HITITE
ARROW-
HEADS
ARE
DIFFERENT



THIS
ARROW
WILL
MAKE IT
CLEAR
WHO
SHOT
ME



YURI.

YOU'RE



LOOK
AT THIS
ARROW!!

PULL IT
OUT AND
EXAMINE
IT

AND
YOU'LL SEE
WHO IT
BELONGS
TO!



PRINCE
KAIL, THE
DAGGER
IS READY!

I SEE

WHAT?

GET A
DAGGER
AND HOLD
THE BLADE
OVER A
FLAME
THEN BRING
IT TO ME

KINKUR!

Y-YES,
YOUR
HIGH-
NESS

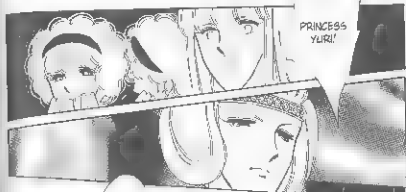
HURRY!!

IS
ZANNANZA
REALLY
DEAD?

IS IT
TRUE?

WAP





I'M
GOING
TO PULL
IT OUT
NOW
DON'T
MOVE





CATCH
HIM

DON'T
LET HIM
ESCAPE



NOW THERE'S NO
WAY TO PROVE
THAT QUEEN NAKIA
WAS BEHIND THE
MASSACRE!!

OH
NO.

BUT WE
MIGHT HAVE
INTERROGATED
HIM AND
LEARNED WHO
PUT HIM UP
TO IT

HE
MURDERED
PRINCE
ZANNANZA

YURI,
WHY DID
YOU DO
THAT?

OH
FORGIVE
ME--
I ACTED
RASHLY.

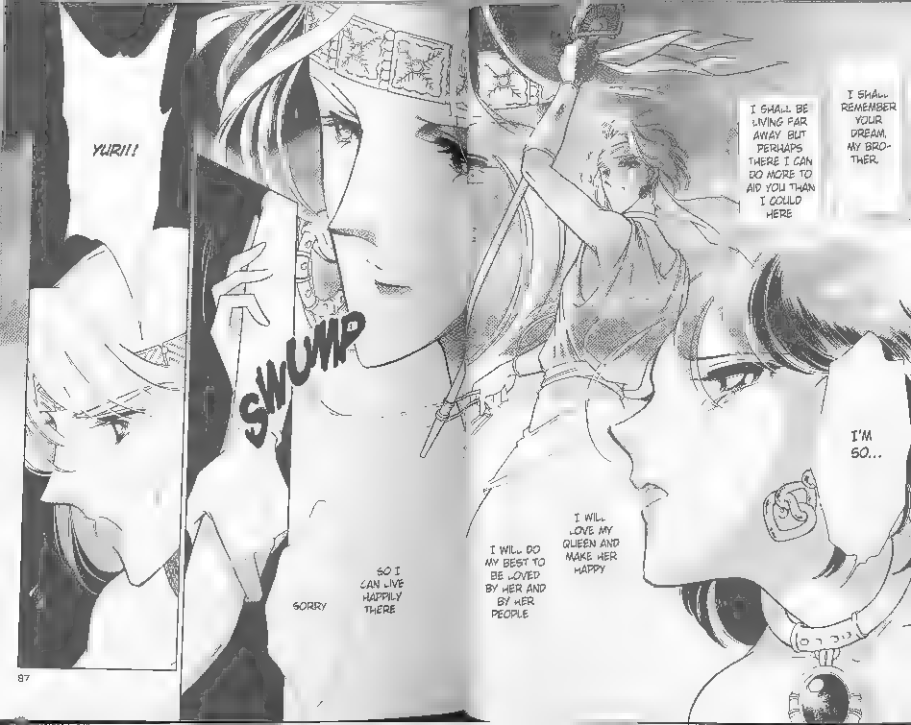
HE WAS
RUNNING
TOWARDS
ME.

I ACTED ON
IMPULSE. I
FEAR.

PRINCE
ZANNANZA.
I'M
SORRY.

YURI
?





YURI!!

SWUMP

SO I
CAN LIVE
HAPPILY
THERE

SORRY

I SHALL BE
LIVING FAR
AWAY BUT
PERHAPS
THERE I CAN
DO MORE TO
AID YOU THAN
I COULD
HERE

I SHALL
REMEMBER
YOUR
DREAM,
MY BRO-
THER.

I WILL
DO
MY BEST TO
BE LOVED
BY HER AND
BY HER
PEOPLE

I WILL
LOVE MY
QUEEN AND
MAKE HER
HAPPY

I'M
SO...





RAMSES?

HIS
REPUTATION
FOR HAVING
A GOOD EYE
FOR WOMEN
TURNS OUT
TO BE TRUE

KAIL
MURASIL



THAT
GIRL IS
WORTHY
OF A
KING!!

A WOMAN
LIKE THAT
IS NO MORE
PLAYTHING
FOR THE
BED-
CHAMBER.

THAT
ONE
THINKS
LIKE A
KING.

ANY RULER
WOULD BE
FORTUNATE
TO HAVE
SUCH A
WOMAN AT
HIS SIDE.



RAMSES

I AM WER
RAMSES.
YOUR
HIGHNESS

WHO
KNOWS
WHERE I'LL
BE EXILED
TO AFTER
THIS.

I WAS CHIEF
COMMANDER
OF THE
EGYPTIAN
ARMY
RESPONSIBLE
FOR GUARDING
THE NILE
DELTA BEFORE
I CAME HERE
BUT

I SHALL
NOT
FORGET
YOU

RAMSES.



SHE
INSISTS
SHE
KNOWS
NOTHING
ABOUT
THE MUR-
DERS.

DESPITE
PRINCE
KAIL'S
INVESTI-
GATION.

WHAT A
SHAMELESS,
ARROGANT
WOMAN THE
QUEEN IS

PRINCE
KAIL HAD A
HARD TIME
PLACATING
THEM.

THE EGYPTIANS
WERE VERY
UPSET THAT WE
HAD ACCUSED
THEM OF THE
MURDERS.

IT'S A PITY
WE WEREN'T
ABLE TO
EXPOSE HER
EVIL, BUT I
SUPPOSE WE
DID ALL WE
COULD

MADI

IS THIS
PRINCE
KAIL'S
BEDROOM?

OH,
PRINCESS
YOU'RE
AWAKE
?!

I DON'T
REMEMBER IT
VERY WELL
BECAUSE I
HAD A FEVER
FOR DAYS

AFTER
A FEW
DAYS IN
ENESA

I WAS
MOVED TO
MATTUSA.

WHEN I
COULD
FINALLY
SIT UP IN
BED.

THE
INCIDENTS
IN THE
DESERT
HAD BEEN
ALL BUT
DISMISSED
BY THE
QUEEN.



I
HAVEN'T
BEEN
ABLE TO
SLEEP OF
LATE

NOT SINCE
ZANNANEA'S
DEATH.

BUT WITH
YOU BY MY
SIDE, I
THINK I
CAN REST.

DON'T
WORRY
I WON'T
TAKE
ADVANTAGE
OF A
WOUNDED
WOMAN.



IS YURI
AWAKE?



PRINCE
KAIL SAID
YOU
SHOULD
REST
HERE

YES,
IT IS



YOUR
HIGHNESS.



PRINCE
KAIL

EXCUSE
US



LET'S PRAY
THAT NOTHING
ELSE GETS IN
THE WAY OF
THEIR LOVE.

THE
WOUNDS
ARE
HEALING
SOON.

THINGS
ARE
FINALLY
WORKING
OUT FOR
PRINCE
KAIL AND
YURI

AW.



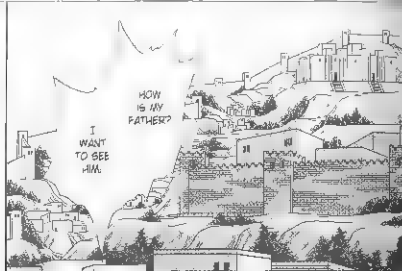
NOT
EVEN
VERGAL
GOD
OF THE
UNDER-
WORLD

CAN
TAKE YOU
FROM ME

YOU'RE
MINE.

NO MAN
WILL
EVER
TAKE YOU
FROM ME
AGAIN.







WE HAVE
ASKED THE
CROWN
PRINCE
NOT TO
LEAVE HIS
PALACE

THE
PLAGUE IS
ALREADY
SPREADING
QUICKLY

PLEASE
RETURN
TO YOUR
PALACE
TOO,
PRINCE
KAIL

I WANT
TO SEE MY
FATHER
EVEN IF
ONLY FOR
A MOMENT

AND
ANYWAY
HIS
MAJESTY
IS STILL
UNCON-
SCIOUS

YOU
MUSTN'T
YOUR
HIGH-
NESS!



PRINCE
KAIL

WITH THE
KING'S PALACE
CLOSED UP, I
FEAR THE
EMPIRE WILL
FALL INTO
CHAOS.

THEN I
WILL ACT
ON THE
KING'S
BEHALF
FOR NOW

BRING
ALL
CRUCIAL
MATTERS
OF STATE
TO ME

YES



BUT
MOTHER,
I WANT
TO SEE
FATHER

IMPOSSIBLE!
WE CAN'T
STAY HERE
ANOTHER
MOMENT!

JUDA
LET US
RETURN
TO OUR
PALACE

THE
SEVEN
DAY
FEVER
!!



DIES
WITHIN
SEVEN
DAYS

ANY-
ONE WHO
CONTRACTS
IT

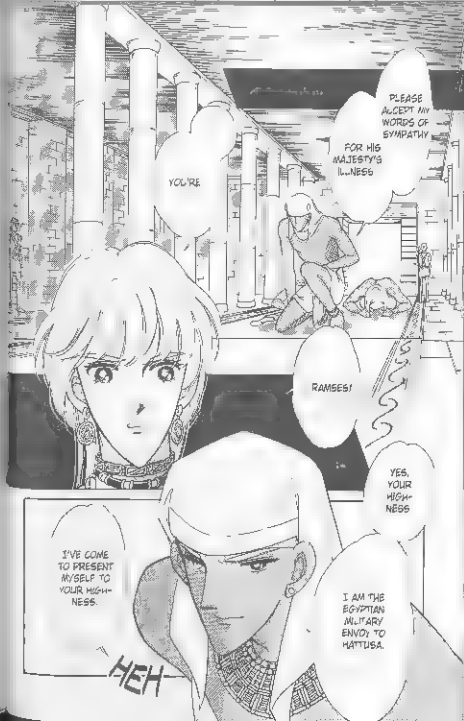
OH
YOU COME
FROM A
FAR LAND
SO MAYBE
YOU
HAVEN'T
HEARD OF
IT.

THE
SEVEN
DAY
FEVER?

OH
NO

IT IS SAID
THAT WHEN
THIS
SCOURGE
STRUCK IN
THE PAST
ENTIRE
CITIES
PERISHED





HEH.
THE KING
AND THE
CROWN
PRINCE
INTEREST
ME A LITTLE

RULE?
BUT PRINCE
ARNUNWANDA
WILL BE THE
NEXT KING

BUT
YOU HAVE
INFLUENCE.

WITH THE
MAN WHO IS
GOING TO
RULE THIS
LAND

OH,
YES.

PRINCE
KAIL WILL
SOON BE
THE MOST
POWERFUL
MAN IN
THE
HITITE
EMPIRE

ANY
FOOL
CAN SEE
THAT

I MUST
EXCUSE
MYSELF NOW,
RAMSES, BUT
I'M SURE YURI
WILL BE HAPPY
TO ACCEPT
YOUR GIFTS.

OF
COURSE

YOUR
HIGH-
NESS.

WITH YOUR
PERMISSION,
I'D LIKE TO
PRESENT
SOME GIFTS
TO YOUR
CONCUBINE.

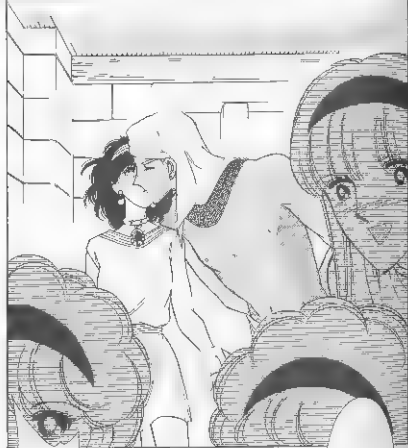
GIFTS?
FOR ME?

BUT WHY
WOULD YOU
GIVE A
TREASURE
LIKE THIS
TO ME?

OH!
THEY'RE
BEAUTI-
FUL!
♥

EGYPTIAN
CRAFTS-
MANSHIP IS
EXQUISITE

I'M JUST
PRINCE
KAIL'S
CONCUBINE



NEXT TIME
I COME
HERE TO
STEAL.

I'LL
TAKE
MORE
THAN
JUST A
KISS.



HOW
WONDER-
FUL
♡

OH,
FOR
JIS?
♡

...I
WANTED
TO SEE
YOU
AGAIN.

SWUP

APART
FROM
WHAT?

APART
FROM
THAT



WHAT'S
HIS
GAME?



DON'T
EVER LET
HIM IN
HERE
AGAIN!

PRINCESS
YURI
DID YOU
HEAR?
RAMSES
IS ONE
OF THE
GREATEST
SOLDIERS
IN EGYPT

SOME
GIRLS
TOLD
ME THAT
HE'S AN
ARISTOCRAT
FROM
MEMPHIS

HOW CAN
HE BEHAVE
LIKE THAT?
NOW OF
ALL TIMES,
WITH THE
PLAGUE
RAVAGING
THE CITY!

AND HE'S A
GUEST IN THIS
COUNTRY!

HOW DARE HE
KISS A LITTLE
PRINCESS?



WHAT'S
THAT
SUPPOSED
TO MEAN?

I'LL
CALL
ON YOU
AGAIN

SWAP
SWAP

BUT WE
DIDN'T
SERVE
YOU
ANY-
THING

OH,
YOU'RE
LEAVING?

PLEASE
COME
AGAIN
SOON!



I BELIEVE
THAT
PRINCE
KAIL WILL
BECOME
KING

ONLY
IF HIS
BROTHER
NAMES HIM
CROWN
PRINCE

IF THE
CROWN
PRINCE
BECOMES
KING, HE
COULD NAME
PRINCE KAIL
AS HIS
SUCCESSOR

BUT PRINCE
ARNIWHANDA
IS NOT A
MAN OF
STRONG
WILL

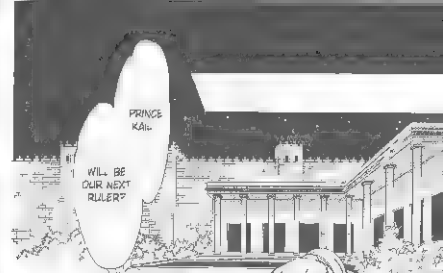
QUEEN
NAKIA WILL
CERTAINLY
TRY TO
INFLUENCE
HIM



I'M
AFRAID
IT'S NOT
THAT
EASY

QUEEN
NAKIA WILL
INTERFERE,
OF COURSE

BUT WON'T
SHE LOSE HER
POWER WHEN
HIS MAJESTY
DIES?



PRINCE
KAIL

WILL BE
OUR NEXT
RULER?



YES

RAMSES

TOLD
YOU
THAT
?



WILL
PRINCE KAIL
BECOME
THE NEW
CROWN
PRINCE?

DO YOU
FORESEE
PROBLEMS
?

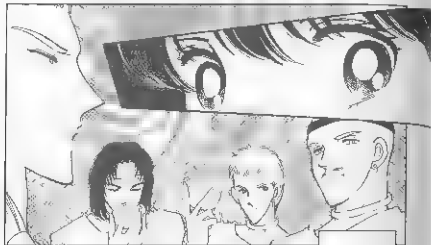


YES,
I HOPE IT
DOES WORK
OUT THAT
WAY



HE
SEEMS
RATHER
PERCEPTIVE

I DON'T
LIKE HIM



SHUDDER

VLRI.

YOU
DON'T
NEED
TO BE
AFRAID

I'VE SEEN
THEM ON TV
AND READ
ABOUT THEM,
BUT I NEVER
THOUGHT I'D
BE MIXED UP
IN ONE

IS THIS
HOW A
POLITICAL
INTRIGUE
WORKS?
IF YOU
LOSE
YOU
DIE?!

BUT
WHAT WILL
HAPPEN TO
THE EMPIRE
THEN?

TAKAMANNA
IS AN
INDEPENDENT
POSITION

NAKIA
WILL BE
TAKAMANNA
TO THE END
OF HER
LIFE.

SHE WILL
CONTINUE TO
WIELD GREAT
AUTHORITY
EVEN AFTER
KING
SUPPILULILIMA
DIES.

WE
WON'T BE
AROUND TO
FIND
OUT

WE WILL
ALL SHARE
PRINCE
KAIL'S
FATE,
WHATEVER
IT IS.

IF PRINCE
JUDA
BECOMES
THE CROWN
PRINCE,
QUEEN NAKIA
WILL
UNDOUBTEDLY
HAVE PRINCE
KAIL
MURDERED

PRINCE KAIL HAVE YOU BEEN WORKING ALL THIS TIME? IS THE KING STILL VERY SICK?

YES

AND THEY STILL WON'T LET ME SEE HIM.

BUT NOT ABOUT AFFAIRS OF STATE OR THE POWER STRUGGLE.

I THINK HE'S AFRAID FOR HIS FATHER

PRINCE KAIL SEEMS MORE WORRIED THAN I AM.

PRINCE KAIL I'M SURE THE KING WILL GET BETTER.

Sigh

GOOD NIGHT

FORGIVE ME

PLEASE EXCUSE US.

ILBANI

DON'T WORRY YURI UNNECESSARILY

YES, YOUR HIGHNESS.

YOU NEEDN'T WORRY ABOUT WHAT ILBANI JUST TOLD YOU.

I'LL PROTECT YOU NO MATTER WHAT COMES TO PASS.

PRINCE KAIL

Sniff

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING.

PRINCE KAIL.

I'M
SORRY
YOUR
HIGH-
NESS!

HE SAID
YOUR
FATHER
HAS
PASSED.

PRINCE
KAIL,
I'M

PRINCE
KAIL?

A MESSENG-
GER JUST
ARRIVED
FROM THE
KING'S
PALACE.

PRINCE
KAIL,
ARE YOU
THERE
?!

LET
ME
STAY
WITH
YOU
A
LITTLE
WHILE

YURI.

OF
COURSE

YOU
THINK
SO?

I
THINK
SO

YES

KLAK
KLAK





I DON'T
THINK I
CAN BE A
KING

OH
KAIL

I HAVEN'T
THE
STRENGTH
FOR THIS

OF COURSE
YOU CAN, MY
BROTHER

YOU WILL
MAKE AN
EXCELLENT
KING!



PROMISE ME
YOU'LL STAY
WITH ME
AND HELP
ME.

KAIL

STAY
WITH ME
PLEASE



HAVE
NO FEAR,
ARNLU-
WANDA

I'LL AID
YOU IN
ALL THAT
YOU DO.



HE'S
RIGHT.

THE SEVEN
DAY FEVER
HAS
THROWN
THE ENTIRE
EMPIRE
INTO
DISARRAY



THE
THRONE
MUST NOT
REMAIN
VACANT



KING
SUPPILU-
LIUMMA

WAS
DEAD.

NOT EVEN
THE GREAT
CONQUEROR
WHO HAD
FORGED THE
HITTITE EMPIRE
COULD DEFEAT
THE PLAGUE.

AFTER THE
FUNERAL,
WE MUST
ENTHRONE
THE CROWN
PRINCE
STRAIGHT-
AWAY!



JUDA
HASL-
PASULUPI.

AND THE
SON OF
THE TAWA-
NANNA.

PRINCE
KAIL.

PRINCE KAIL
MURGILL.

THE GAL
MESHEDI.



AND
SO.

ARALI-
WANDA,
II WAS
CROWNED
KING

AS
CANDIDATES
FOR CROWN
PRINCE

AND
TWO NAMES
WERE PUT
FORWARD

I'M NOT
FIT TO
BE THE
CROWN
PRINCE!

QUEEN
NAKAY'S
PALACE

ME?
CROWN
PRINCE
?!

BUT WHY?
THAT
POSITION
SHOULD
GO TO
KAIL!



I WON'T
LOSE
HER TO
THE
PLAGUE.
AS
WELL

AND DON'T
LET FURI FIND
OUT WHAT
THE QUEEN IS
DOING.

IF SHE HEARS
ABOUT IT
SHE'S SURE
TO VENTURE
OUT OF THE
PALACE AND
PUT HERSELF
AT RISK.

IF SHE HEARS ABOUT IT SHE'S SURE TO VENTURE OUT OF THE PALACE AND PUT HERSELF AT RISK.

DON'T DO
ANYTHING
FOR THE
MOMENT



I'M NOT SURPRISED I'LL GO SEE HOW SHE'S DOING

YES, YOU'RE RIGHT PRINCE KAIL.

PRINCESS YURI HAS ALREADY GROWN IMPATIENT WITH THE ISOLATION.

PRINCESS YURI
HAS ALREADY
GROWN IMPATIENT
WITH THE
ISOLATION.

NOTHING.

DON'T DO ANYTHING FOR THE MOMENT.

BUT YOUR HIGHNESS.

THERE ARE MORE PRESSING MATTERS AT HAND.

JUST KEEP AN EYE ON HER FOR NOW.

JUST
KEEP AN
EYE ON
HER FOR
NOW

HAVE
YOU
HEARD?

[illegible]

NAKIA DID THAT?

WHAT SHOULD WE DO, PRINCE KAIL?

I KNEW SHE'D DO SOMETHING

IT'S OBVIOUSLY AN ATTEMPT TO POSITION HER SON TO BECOME CROWN PRINCE

YES, YOUR HIGHNESS. THE WHOLE CITY IS TALKING ABOUT IT

I KNEW
SHE'D DO
SOME-
THING

YES, YOUR
HIGHNESS,
THE WHOLE
CITY IS
TALKING
ABOUT IT



WHAT IF
PRINCE KAIL
FOUND OUT
ABOUT THIS?
THAT MAN IS
A NUISANCE

A-ALL RIGHT!!

GIRLS,
DON'T
EVER LET
THAT MAN
ENTER
THIS
PALACE
AGAIN!

HE SAID HE
WOULDN'T
JUST
STEAL A
KISS NEXT
TIME

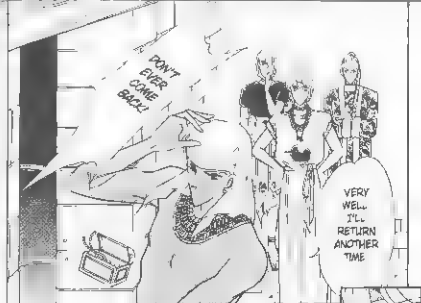
THAT
ARROGANT
BASTARD!

IF IT
WAS A
JOKE,
IT'S NOT
FUNNY

YOU SEEM
TO BE IN A
BAD MOOD,
YURI!

GASP

P-PRINCE
KAIL?!



VERY
WELL,
I'LL
RETURN
ANOTHER
TIME



WHAT'S
THAT
MAN UP
TO?

HE'S
BEEN
COMING
HERE A
LOT
LATELY

RANGES

I'LL
COME
BACK
SOME
OTHER
TIME

I CAME
TO PAY MY
RESPECTS
TO YOUR
CONCUBINE.
BUT IT
APPEARS
SHE'S OUT OF
SORTS.

PRINCE
KAIL





PRINCE
KAIL

I ONLY KEPT IT
BECAUSE I WANTED
TO REMEMBER HER
FOR HIM.

THIS
REPRESENTS THE
PRINCE OF
DARKNESS'S
LOVE FOR HIS
SISTER.

IT MEANS
NOTHING TO
ME!



DO YOU
THINK

THAT I
DON'T GET
JEALOUS?

TUP TUP

WAIT
THIS IS
NO TIME
TO TALK
ABOUT
THAT



ER
WE'LL
JUST BE
GOING



IS
ME.

THE ONLY
THING THAT
SHOULD
EVER
TOUCH
YOUR
SKIN.

I DON'T
LIKE THAT
YOU WEAR
IT

THE
PRINCE
OF DARK-
NESS
WORE THIS
ON HIS
FOREHEAD
DIDN'T
HE?



THIS IS MY TREASURE

I DON'T WANT ANYONE ELSE TO SEE IT IT BELONGS ONLY TO ME THAT'S WHY I KEEP IT HERE

IT'S.

THE CLAY TABLET I SENT YOU!

YOU KEPT IT?



#URIP?

WAP

COME WITH ME



THAT'S THE BOX YOU KEEP YOUR CLOTHES FROM JAPAN IN, ISN'T IT?

GIVE ME YOUR HAND, PRINCE KAIL

YES, IT'S WHERE I KEEP MY REAL TREASURES



YOU...



WAIT
PRINCE
KAIL!

PLEASE
WAIT

WHERE
WOULD I
KEEP
THEM
ALL?

I'LL HAVE
A WING
BUILT FOR
YOU TO
STORE
THEM IN.

I'LL
SEND
YOU
"THOU-
SANDS
OF
THEM.

IF YOU
LIKE IT
SO MUCH,
I'LL
SEND
YOU ONE
EVERY
DAY

I'LL HAVE IT
INSCRIBED ON
A CARNELIAN.
OR WOULD
YOU PREFER
A SAPPHIRE?



AND I'M
WORRIED
ABOUT
HIM.

PRINCE KAIL
S HIDING
SOMETHING
FROM ME.
HE'S
WORRIED
ABOUT ME.



IT'S THE
QUEEN.
SHE'S UP
TO SOME
THING.

YOU'RE
HIDING
SOMETHING
FROM ME.

YOU
CAN'T FOOL
ME, PRINCE
KAIL.

SWIP



JUST STAY
INSIDE THE
PALACE AND
DON'T WORRY
ABOUT
ANYTHING.

BUT I'M
NOT HIDING
ANYTHING
FROM YOU.



I NEED
YOUR
HELP!

RYUN!
SHA-A!

HADI!



WHAT
IS THE
QUEEN UP
TO NOW?

PRINCE
KAIL

THE SEVEN
DAY FEVER
S RAMPANT
OUTSIDE
THE
PALACE.

PRINCE
KAIL LET
ME HELP
YOU.



I STILL
HAVE
BUSINESS
TO ATTEND
TO.

DAWN.





YAKA
HAS BUILT
SOMETHING
CALLED A
'HOUSE
OF REST'
OUTSIDE THE
WALLS OF
HATTUSA

A
HOUSE
OF
REST
?!

THEY SAY
IT'S VERY
CLEAN AND
COMFORT-
ABLE

IT'S A
PLACE
WHERE
THOSE
WHO HAVE
CONTRACTED
THE SEVEN
DAY FEVER
ARE CARED
FOR

YES.



THAT'S
RIGHT

GASP

OH,
THAT'S
VERY
SERIOUS

AFTER
THEY
ABDUCTED
PRINCESS
YURI.

PRINCE
KAIL
DESTROYED
THE
ANTANNI.

PRINCE KAIL
WILL BE
FURIOUS
WHEN HE
HEARS.

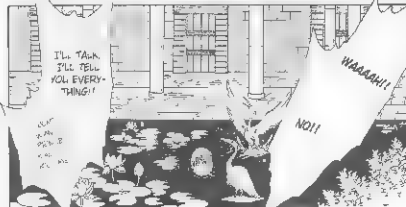


FINE
THEN
PLUCKER
UP

ARE
ARE YOU
THREAT-
ENING ME?
I WON'T BE
COERCED!

IT
WOULD
BE VERY
BAD.
YES,
VERY
BAD.

WHAT WILL
HE DO WHEN
HE LEARNED
THAT HIS MOST
TRUSTED AIDE
HAS BEEN
KISSING HER?



I'LL TALK.
I'LL TELL
YOU EVERY-
THING!!

WAAAAH!!

NO!!

WHY
WOULD
SHE DO
THAT?

A BID FOR
POPULAR-
ITY?

JUST
AS YOUR
POPULARITY
IS LINKED
TO THAT OF
PRINCE KAIL

IT'S
OBVIOUS!

IF HER
POPULARITY
GROWS, SO
WILL HER
SON'S

SHE
WANTS
PRINCE
JUDA TO
BE NAMED
THE CROWN
PRINCE

SWIP

"PRINCESS
YURI
WILL
STAY
HERE"

SO
IT'S ALL
RIGHT
WITH
ME

SELF-
SERVING
OR NOT
SHE IS
HELPING
PEOPLE.

PRINCESS
YURI WILL
YOU STAND
FOR THIS?

I CAN'T
STAND IT THAT
NAKA IS TRYING
TO PROMOTE
HERSELF BY
IMITATING WHAT
PRINCESS YURI
DID!

THAT'S
JUST WHAT
PRINCESS
YURI DID IN
WASSUGANNI
?

BUT

JIRU'S
BEHIND
THIS
HE
MUST'VE
TOLD THE
QUEEN
DOWAGER
ABOUT
THAT!

BUT
PRINCESS
YURI DID IT
OUT OF
COMPASSION,
NOT FOR
SELF-
PROMOTION.
IT'S JUST
A BID FOR
POPULARITY
HOW DESPIC-
ABLE

FRESH
WATER AND
FOOD ARE
BROUGHT
THERE EVERY
DAY IN THE
NAME OF THE
QUEEN
DOWAGER.

THERE
ARE EVEN
CARETAKERS
TO TEND
THE SICK



WHY
DIDN'T WE
WANT ME
TO KNOW
ABOUT
THAT?

IT
DOESN'T
MAKE
SENSE

I WONDER IF
THAT'S ALL THAT
PRINCE KAIL WAS
TRYING TO KEEP
FROM ME.

THE QUEEN
BUILT A HOUSE
OF REST TO
BOOST HER
POPULARITY?



PRINCE KAIL
COMMANDED
THAT YURI
WAS NOT
TO KNOW



YOU
FOOL...
YOU
TOLD
HER,
DIDN'T
YOU?

LBANI!



OH
GOOD

THE
OTHER
THING

I SAID
NOTHING
ABOUT

BUT I ONLY
TOLD HER
ABOUT THE
HOUSE OF
REST

I'M
SORRY

MY NEWS
IS

THAT
ANOTHER
YOU HAS
SAOWN
UP

DO YOU
KNOW
WHAT'S
HAPPENING
OUTSIDE THE
PALACE?

IF YOU'RE
GOING TO TEL
ME ABOUT
THE QUEEN
DOWAGER'S
HOUSE "A DES"
I ALREADY KNOW
ABOUT THAT

THAT'S
NOT
WHY I'M
HERE

ANOTHER
ME?

HUSH
BE
STILL

OH
RANG--

WELL THE
TRIP DOWN
WILL BE
MUCH
EASIER

REALLY?

WAO

I
CLIMBED

I HAD TO
MAKE SURE
THAT NO
ONE SAW
ME WHICH
MADE IT
CONSIDER-
ABLY MORE
DIFFICULT

WAOA
STOP
THAT!

I'VE
BROUGHT
YOU
IMPORTANT
NEWS

THIS
IS THE
SECOND
FLOOR

HOW
HOW DID
YOU GET
UP HERE
?



IF
THIS GOES
ON, THE
POPULARITY
OF ISHTAR
WILL PLUM-
MET

WHILE
THAT OF
THE QUEEN
DOWAGER
SOARS.

* YOUR
POPULARITY
IS LINKED TO
THAT OF
PRINCE KAIL *



SHE'S
DESTROYING
BOTH YOUR
REPUTATIONS.

THEY SAY
SHE'S
VERY
BEAUTIFUL

AND
SHE'S
USING
PRINCE
KAIL'S
NAME TO
GET
WHATEVER
SHE
WANTS

IMPERSONATING
ME?

SOMEONE
IS IMPE-
SONATING
YOU

A WOMAN WHO
CLAIMS TO BE
PRINCE KAIL'S
CONCUBINE HAS
APPEARED. SHE
EVEN CALLS
HERSELF
ISHTAR

YES





SHE
SHOULD BE
ABLE TO
SOLVE A
PROBLEM
LIKE THIS ON
HER OWN.

DAMN!
WHO TOLD
HER THAT
SOMEONE
WAS IMPER-
SONATING
HER?

YURI WAS
LEFT FOR
KATAPA?

IT'S NOT
FAR FROM
HATTUSA.

IN
KATAPA.

WHERE'S
THIS FAKE
SWAR
NOW?

THAT I
DON'T
KNOW

MY AGENT
TOLD ME
JUST
WHAT I
TOLD YOU

IS THE
QUEEN
BEHIND THIS
IMPOSTER?

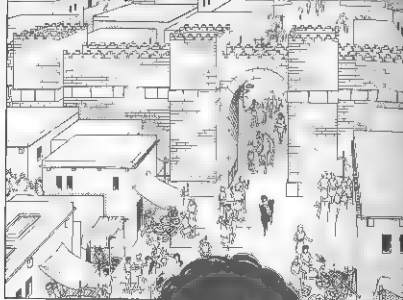
THEN I'M
GOING TO
KATAPA.

GOING
OUT?
PRINCESS
YURI
WAIT

I'M
GOING
OUT!

GIRLS.





BUT HOW
WILL I FIND
HER?

KLOP

RAMSES SAID
THE PHONY
ISHAR IS
HERE

ANOTHER
VICTIM!

ANOTHER
VICTIM OF
THE SEVEN
DAY FEVER.

TAKE HER
TO THE
HOUSE OF
REST

"SHE'S
DESTROYING
BOTH YOUR
REPUTA-
TIONS"

BUT I
CAN'T SIT
STILL...

WHILE
SOMEONE
PRETENDING
TO BE ME
MAKES
TROUBLE
FOR PRINCE
KAIL

"AND
SHE'S
USING THE
NAME OF
PRINCE
KAIL TO
GET WHAT-
EVER SHE
WANTS."

I WON'T LET
ANYONE
PREVENT
PRINCE KAIL
FROM
BECOMING
THE CROWN
PRINCE!

KATAPA





WE USED
TO THINK
SHE WAS
A COLD
WOMAN,
BUT

NOW
WE KNOW
THAT SHE
TRULY
CARES
ABOUT
US

YOU MEAN
ISHTAR
PRINCE
KAIL'S
CONCUBINE?

THEN
THERE'S
THAT
OTHER
WOMAN.



WHERE
CAN I FIND
"HIS
ISHTAR"?



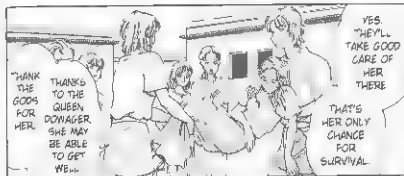
HUSH

HERE
SHE
COMES



HMPH IT'S
HER DAILY
PROCES-
SION.

PERHAPS
HER SON,
PRINCE
JUDA,
SHOULD
BECOME
THE CROWN
PRINCE



YES.
THEY'LL
TAKE GOOD
CARE OF
HER
THERE

THAT'S
HER ONLY
CHANCE
FOR
SURVIVAL

THANK
THE
GODS
FOR
HER.

THANKS
TO THE
QUEEN
DOWAGER
SHE MAY
BE ABLE
TO GET
WE



EH?
ARE YOU
FROM
THERE?

EXCUSE ME,
ARE YOU
TALKING ABOUT
THE HOUSE OF
REST THE QUEEN
DOWAGER HAD
BUILT AT
HATTUSA?



THE QUEEN
DOWAGER
BUILT HOUSES
OF REST NOT
ONLY IN THE
CAPITAL...

WE ARE
VERY
GRATEFUL
TO THE
QUEEN
DOWAGER

BUT IN
ASH-YWA
TARUGA
ALINNA AND
HERE AS
WELL.

MAKE YOUR
OBEISANCE!

BOW
DOWN
TO
'ISHTAR'

OUT
OF THE
WAY!

STOP
THE
PROCES-
SION!

I WANT
A WORD
WITH THAT
WOMAN!!

OH!
WHAT ARE
YOU.

WHUP

THE WOMAN
WHO'S
IMPERSONATING
ME!



OUR PRINCE IS ENCHANTED BY HER BEAUTY

ISHAR IS A PRINCESS

FROM A FOREIGN LAND WITH BLACK HAIR AND EYES OF JET





IF
YOU ASK
ME

A PRINCE SO
TAKEN WITH A
WOMAN LIKE
THAT DOESN'T
DESERVE TO
BE OUR
CROWN
PRINCE.



THEY'RE
NEVER
GOING TO
BELIEVE
THAT I'M
THE REAL
ISHTAR.



WHAT'S
NOT
TRUE?

WHAT?



THAT'S
NOT
TRUE!
THE
TRUTH
IS.



WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING?
YOU'RE NOT
GOING TO
THE PALACE,
ARE YOU?

HEY
LITTLE
GIRL.

IN A
PALACE
THAT
BELONGS
TO THE
ROYAL
FAMILY

JIM,
WHERE
DOES
ISHTAR
STAY?



THESE
PEOPLE
CAN'T
STAND
THAT
WOMAN.

WE'RE
USED TO
PRIVILEGED
PEOPLE INDULGING
THEMSELVES, BUT
HOW CAN SHE
PLAUNT HER GOOD
FORTUNE WHILE
THE WHOLE
COUNTRY
SUFFERS FROM
THE PLAGUE?

IT'S
DISGUSTING
THE WAY
OUR MAYOR
AND HIS
AIDES TRY
TO CURRY
HER FAVOR.

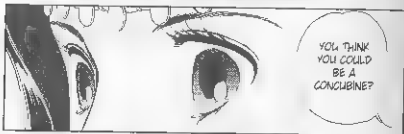
SHE
BEHAVES
LIKE AN
UPSTART.

SHE
EXPECTS TO
BE LAVISHED
WITH FINE
CLOTHING AND
JEWELRY TO
SHOW OFF IN
HER DAILY
PROCESSIONS.

SHE
TRULY IS
BEAUTIFUL

BUT I'M
SURPRISED
THAT
PRINCE
KAIL
WOULD
FALL FOR
ONE SUCH
AS HER!





I HAVE
SOMEONE
TO PRESENT
TO ISHTAR

WE HIRED
A NEW
SERVANT
TODAY

MY
NAME IS
YURI

I DON'T
NEED TO
MEET A
SERVANT

IT WAS
NOTHING

KEEP CLAIMING
TO BE ISHTAR
AND AN
OPPORTUNITY
MAY WELL
ARISE FOR
YOU TO MEET
HIM

WELL,
KEEP IT
UP

AM
I NOT
BEAUTI-
FUL?

WHY
NOT?

I ONLY
HELPED YOU
REALIZE
YOUR
POTENTIAL

I DON'T
KNOW WHO
YOU REALLY
ARE BUT
YOU MADE
THOSE
ARISTOCRATS
BELIEVE
THAT I AM
ISHTAR

I'M
GRATEFUL
TO YOU,
YURI

PRINCE
KAL WILL
SURELY
DESIRE ME
WHEN HE
SEES ME



YOU
COMMONERS
DISGUST
ME!

WHAT A
PRESUMPTUOUS
GIRL.

WHY
WOULD I
GIVE A
RING TO A
SERVANT?

HAH!

YURI MIGHT
HAVE BROUGHT
PRINCE KAIL
WITH HER.

BUT THE
LITTLE
FOOL CAME
ALONE.



WITH ONE OF
YOUR RINGS,
WE COULD BUY
A LOT OF FOOD
AND MEDICINE
FOR THE
VICTIMS OF THE
SEVEN DAY
FEVER

LADY
ISHTAR?

EXCUSE
ME

TAKE
HER
AWAY

YES,
YOUR
HIGHNESS.

MAY WE
HAVE ONE
PLEASE?

THERE ARE
FOREIGN
ENTERTAINERS
VISING OUR
TOWN.

PERHAPS
WE COULD
FIND
SOME NEW
MUSICIANS.

THAT
DOESN'T
INTEREST
ME

WHAT
ABOUT A
PERFORMING
MONKEY?

I KNOW A MAN
WITH A WHITE
ONE

BORING!

IS
THERE
NOTHING
EXCITING
TO SEE?

THAT'S THE
MAYOR.
I DON'T
RECOGNIZE
HIM.

I NEED TO
CREATE AN
OPPORTUNITY
TO TALK TO
HIM.

I'M BORED
OF THE
SAME OLD
FEASTS
EVERY
DAY

ISN'T
THERE
ANYTHING
NEW?

ISHTAR,
YOU LOOK
ESPECIALLY
RADIANT
TONIGHT

PRINCE
KAIL KEEPS
ME WITH HIM
THROUGHOUT
THE NIGHT

NORMALLY A
CONCUBINE
IS GIVEN A
SEPARATE
ROOM, BUT

THAT'S
JUST WHAT
PRINCE
KAIL
SAYS.

YOUR
BEAUTY
NEVER
FAILS TO
BEDAZZLE
ME



YES, OF COURSE
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU
WISH.



YOU
SELFISH
IDIOT!

WILL
GET A
PRIZE
FROM
PRINCE
KAIL.

WE
COULD
HOLD A
TOURNA-
MENT! AND THE
WINNER.

WONDER-
FUL.

HOLD
THIS.

WINK!



I'VE HEARD
THAT IN FAR
LANDS THEY
FORCE THEIR
SLAVES TO
FIGHT WILD
BEASTS FOR
ENTERTAINMENT

I HAVE
AN IDEA.



I'D LIKE
TO SEE
THAT!



OR
THOSE
MALE
SERVANTS
WILL DO
WHY DON'T
YOU HAVE
THEM FIGHT
EACH
OTHER?

WILL
YOU DO AS
I SAY OR
WON'T
YOU?!

BUT
THERE
ARE SLAVES
WHO BELONG
TO THIS
PALACE
AREN'T
THERE?

I'M NOT
SUGGESTING
YOU HAVE A
SLAVE FIGHT
A LION.

BUT
IN OUR
COUNTRY
SUCH A
THING
IS.

BUT
ISHTAR



HE
DOESN'T
DO ANY
SUCH
TH...

HEH

HEH

IF
I'M NOT
ISHITAR,
THEN WHO
IS?

I CAN TELL
YOU HOW
PRINCE KAIL
CARESSES
ME, IF YOU
WISH TO
KNOW.

OR SHALL
I TELL YOU
WHAT HE
WHISPERS IN
MY EAR AT
NIGHT IN
HIS BED-
CHAMBER?



BUT THAT
MESS
SUITS A
LOW-BORN
BEGGAR
LIKE YOU!

LOOK AT
YOURSELF!
YOU'RE A
DISGRACE!!

HEH

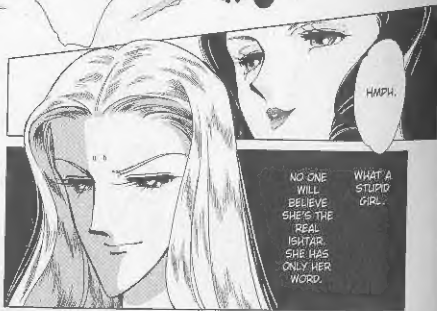
SHE'S
DISGUSTING.



UHH!

BEG HER
FORGIVE-
NESS!

WHUMP



HMPH.

NO ONE
WILL
BELIEVE
SHE'S THE
REAL
ISHTAR.
SHE HAS
ONLY HER
WORD.

WHAT A
STUPID
GIRL!



I'M...

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?

WAIT!
LISTEN
TO ME,
PLEASE!

I'LL
HAVE YOU
PUNISHED
FOR THAT!

WHAT AN
INSOLENT
SERVANT, TO
SPEAK TO
PRINCE
KAIL'S
CONCUBINE
LIKE THAT!

BUT BEFORE
ANYTHING
ELSE, YOU WILL
APOLOGIZE TO
ISHTAR!



WHUMP

AAAGH!

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